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1. BBC REPORTER TAPED ENGLISH LANGUAGE INTERVIEW WITH ANGOLAN MINFORAFFAIRS PAULO JORGE DURING RECENT MEETING IN BISSAU BETWEEN PORTUGUESE AND ANGOLAN PRESIDENTS. JORGE, WHO SPEAKS EXCELLENT ENGLISH, MADE NUMBER OF FIRM STATEMENTS ABOUT ANGOLAN POLICY VIS-A-VIS CUBANS, ANGOLAN GUERRILLA MOVEMENTS, AND RELATONS WITH USG WHICH ADDRESSESS MIGHT FIND OF ININTEREST.

2. ACCORDING TO JORGE, GOA HAS POLICY OF HAVING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH ALL COUNTRIES IN WORLD. THEREFORE, "SOONER OR LATER", THERE WILL BE RELATIONS BETWEEN USG AND ANGOLA. HOWEVER, THERE WILL HAVE TO BE FIRST A MOVE FROM THE U.S., AS DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS REQUIRES TWO PARTICIPANTS.

3. QUERIED ABOUT POSSIBLE RECONCILIATION WITH
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FNLA AND UNITA, JORGE REPLIED THAT THERE WAS NO POSSIBILITY OF ANY RECONCILIATION AS THOSE MOVEMENTS WERE NOTHING BUT BANDITS AND CRIMINALS, AND NOT NATIONHL MOVEMENTS. HE DESCRIBED IN SOME DETAIL AND WITH INCREASING PASSION THE DESTRUCTION AND CRIMINAL ARTS OF THESE GROUPS, AND OF THE SUPPORT THEY RECEIVE FROM OUTSIDE

RACIALISTIC AND FASCIST FORCES.

4. ASKED ABOUT THE PRESENCE OF CUBAN FORCES IN ANGOLA. THE MINFORAFFAIRS SAID THAT "A SORT OF NIGHTMARE EXISTED IN THE WEST", IN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES AND PARTICULARLY IN THE U.S." ABOUT THE CUBANS. HE REVIEWED THE MPLA'S FIGHT FOR INDEPENDENCE, WHEN THE ONLY SUPPORT THEY RECEIVED WAS FROM THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES. NO HELP CAME FROM EUROPE AND THE U.S. WHO WERE, IN FACT, ON THE SIDE OF THE ENEMY. AFTER INDEPENDENCE, ANGOLA WAS INVADDED BY THE REGULAR MILITARY FORCES OF ZAIRE AND SOUTH AFRICA, WHO ATTEMPTED TO CRUSH THE MPLA. THEREFORE, THE GOA MADE A GENERAL WORLDWIDE APPEAL FOR HELP, AND NOT ONLY THE SOVIET UNION AND CUBA, BUT ALSO GUINEA-BISSAU, GUINEA-CONAKRY, AND NIGERIA SENT ASSISTANCE.

5. "THE PRESENCE OF THE CUBANS IN MY COUNTRY", SAID JORGE, "IS THE RESULT OF BILATERAL AGREEMENTS BETWEEN INDEPENDENT COUNTRIES". THEREFORE, EXTERNAL CRITICISM IS INTERFERENCE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF ANGOLA. IF THOSE WHO CRITICIZED THAT PRESENCE HAD A MORAL OR LEGITIMATE JUSTIFICATION, THAT ANGOLA COULD JUST AS LEGITIMATELY CALL FOR THE DEPARTURE OF AMERICAN TROOPS IN EUROPE AND UNCLASSIFIED

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ELSEWHERE, PARTICULARLY THOSE STATIONED IN GUANTANAMO IN CUBA, AND THE 10,000 FRENCH SOLDIERS IN AFRICA. JORGE CONCLUDED BY SAYING THE "CUBANS WILL BE IN ANGOLA ACCORDING TO OUR NEEDS AND OUR REQUEST. . NO OUTSIDE INFLUENCE WILL CONVINCE THE GOVERNMENT OF ANGOLA OTHERWISE". MARKS

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